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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

Hold your horses! I know you've been wondering where Super Sonic went to which is why this issue features an exclusive Whatever Happened To Super Sonic story (together with a fantastic Pin-up in the centre-pages).

Want to know what else is in the firing-line? Well Sonic's coming at you in Unnatural Disasters *and* in Invasion of the Veg Heads, plus those mad Decappers have the holiday from hell in Life With The Snagsbys! Finally, dig deep within this issue and you'll discover some of your own fantastic artwork in the Jurassic Zone!

Ever wondered how *STC* can offer *so* much entertainment without spoiling you, Boomers? No, I've not figured it out either but I might have in two weeks time - see you then!

Megadroid

LETTER LEADS!

Hundreds of letters (and drawings) are sent to *STC* each week, but only a few of them get printed in Speedlines. Why, you ask? Well, unfortunately, there isn't enough space to print everything that arrives.

To help ensure your work stands a better chance of getting selected, follow the following guidelines for a chance of fame and your name in *STC*.

1. Please keep them short and to the point!
2. Write neatly and clearly.
3. Include your name and full address (if you don't we can't send you your prize!).
4. Don't challenge us *not* to print your letters!

Lastly, even though the homes-who-think-they're-in-charge would like to reply to each Boomer, there'd be no time to bring out the comic if they did! So, please accept *STC's* thanks for all your input and look out for the selected letters in Speedlines.

Next issue: Artwork rules!

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8	↓	SONIC CD
9	RE	CHUCK ROCK 2
10	RE	WOLFCHILD

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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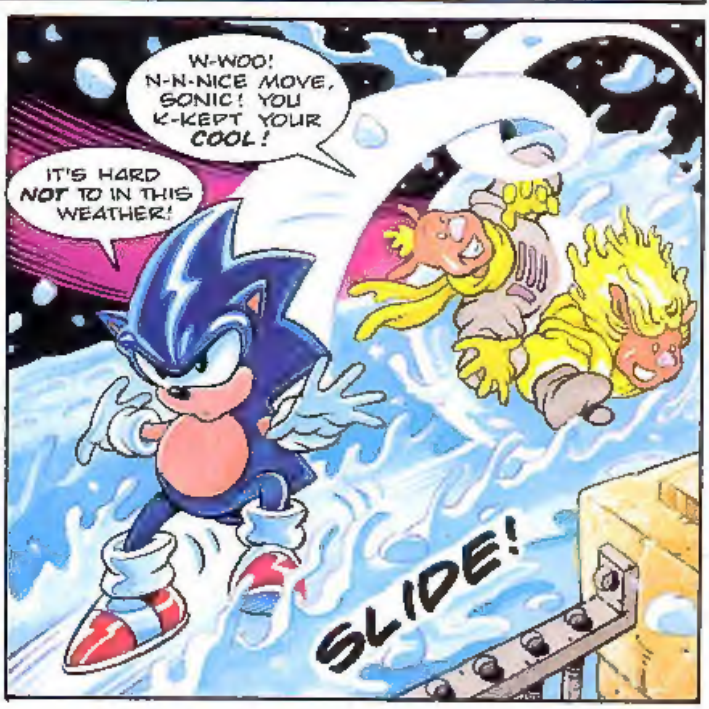
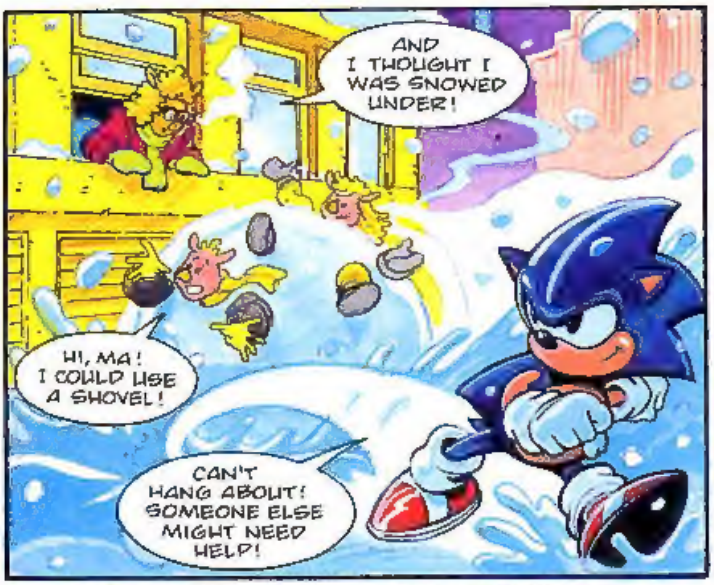
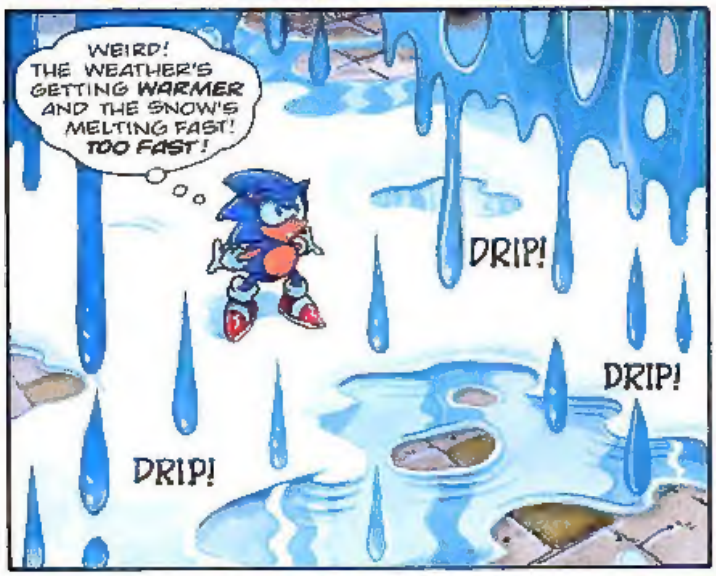
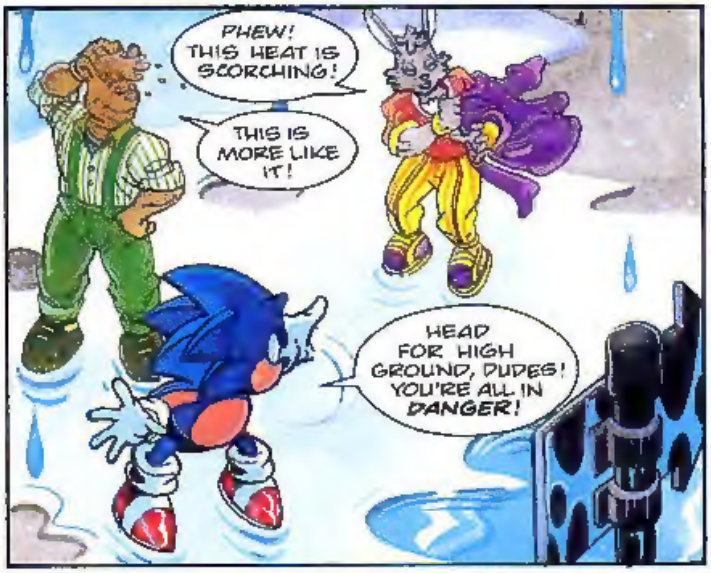
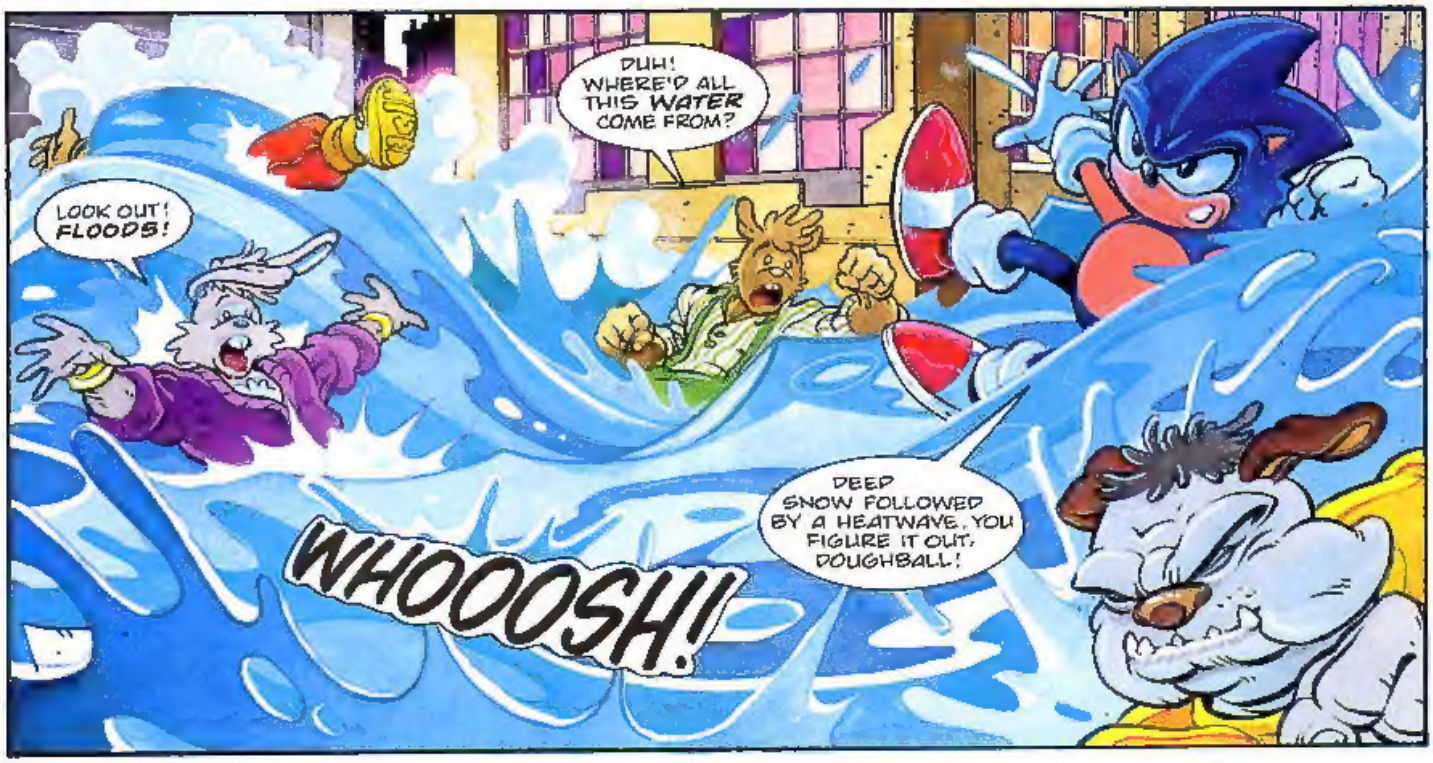


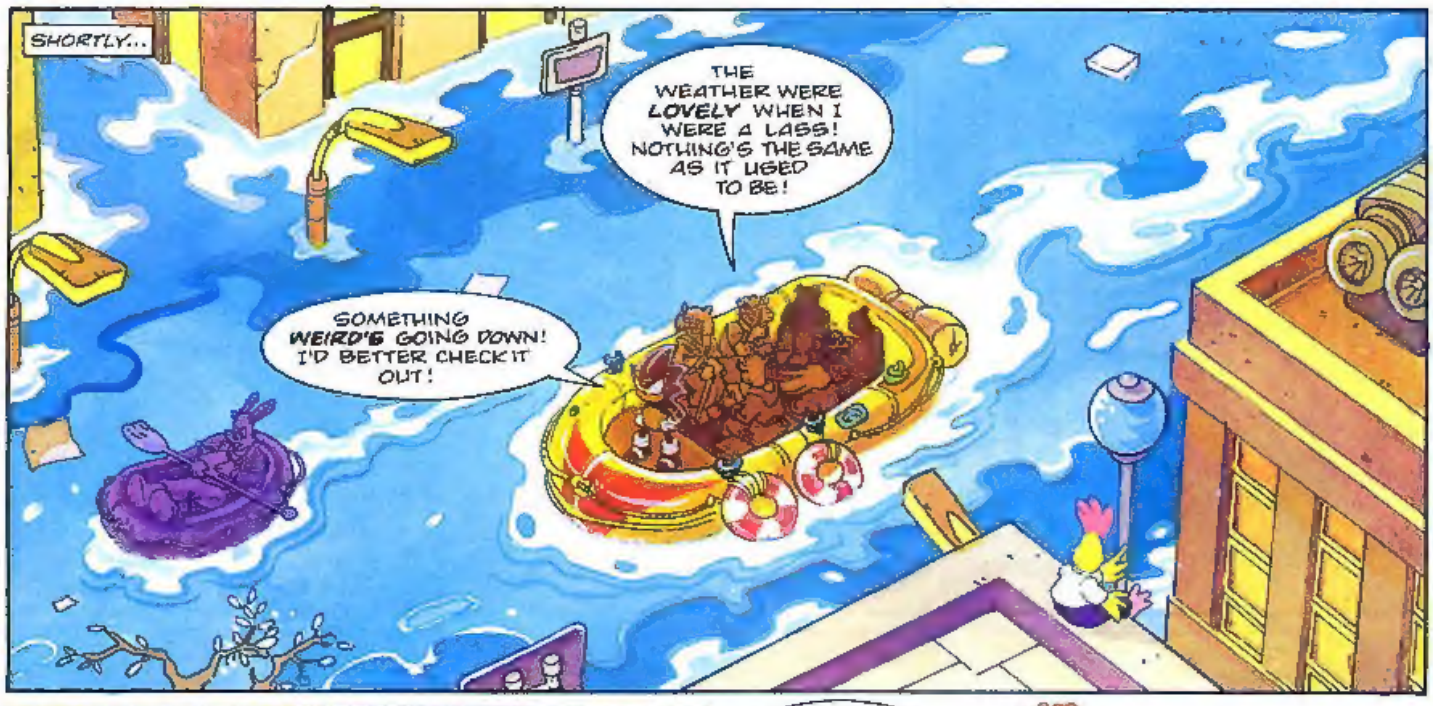

AND I THOUGHT I WAS SNOWED UNDER!
HI, MA! I COULD USE A SHOVEL!
CAN'T HANG ABOUT! SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT NEED HELP!

HEY! WATCH IT!
SORRY, BOY! THE SNOW SEEMS SLOPPIER NOW, SOMEHOW!
SWOOSHH!

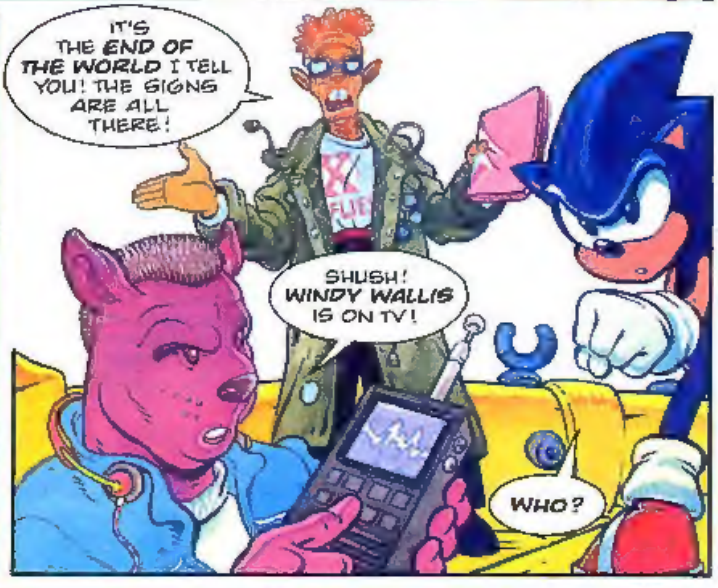

WEIRD! THE WEATHER'S GETTING WARMER AND THE SNOW'S MELTING FAST! TOO FAST!
DRIP!
DRIP!
DRIP!

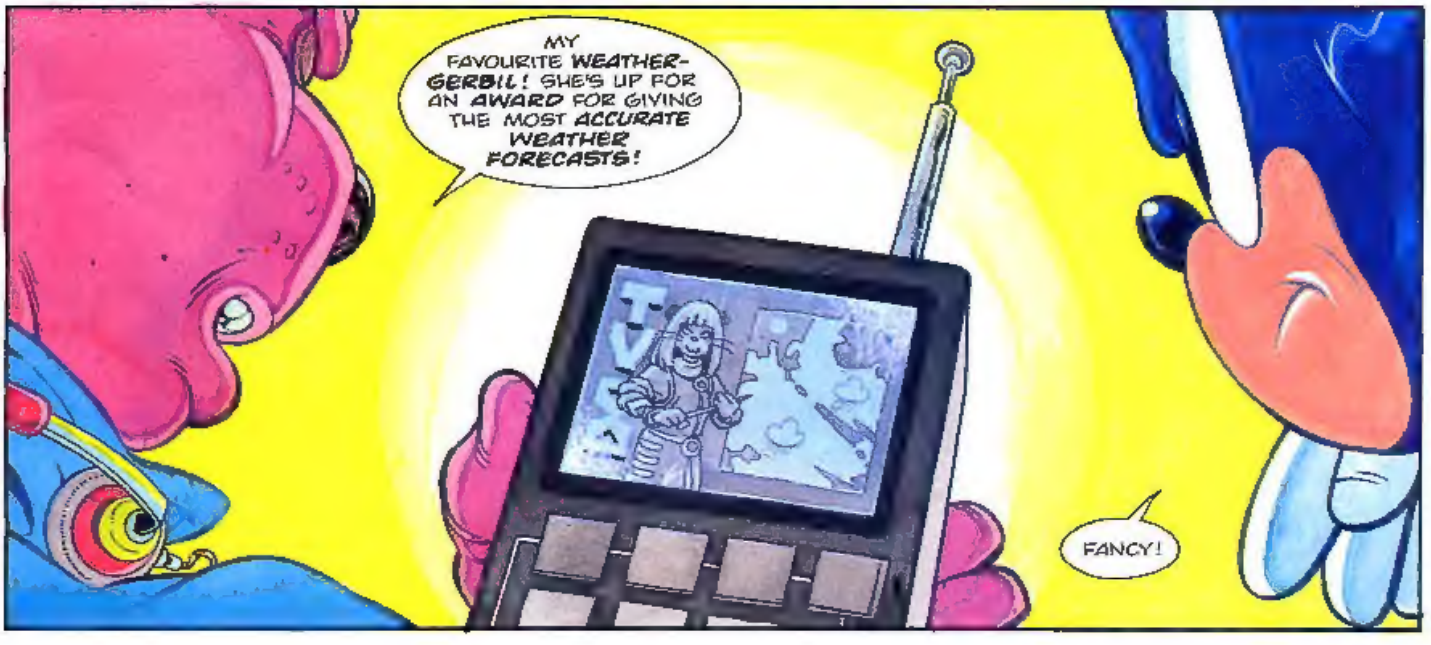

PHEW! THIS HEAT IS SCORCHING!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
HEAD FOR HIGH GROUND, DUDES! YOU'RE ALL IN DANGER!

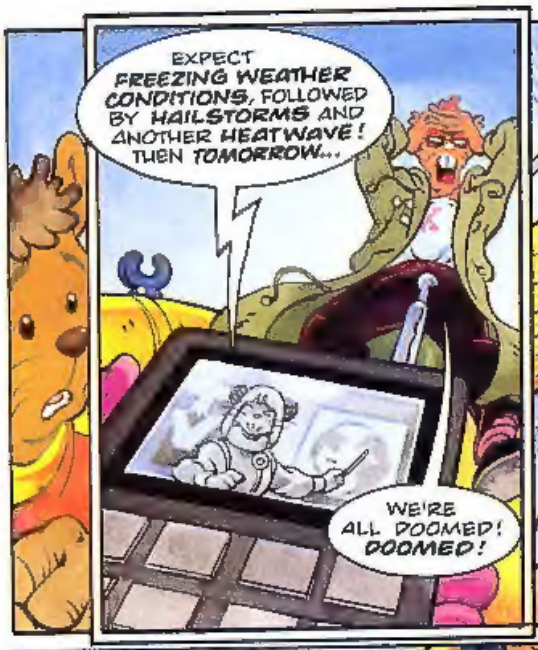

DUH! WHERE'D ALL THIS WATER COME FROM?
LOOK OUT! FLOODS!
DEEP SNOW FOLLOWED BY A HEATWAVE. YOU FIGURE IT OUT, DOUGHBALL!
WHOOOSH!


SHORTLY...
THE WEATHER WERE LOVELY WHEN I WERE A LASS! NOTHING'S THE SAME AS IT USED TO BE!
SOMETHING WEIRD'S GOING DOWN! I'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT!

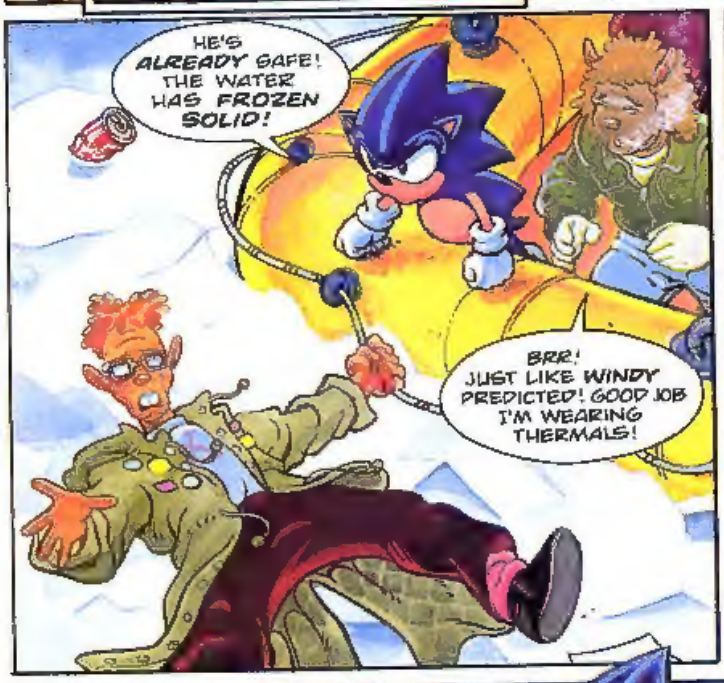
MY MAGAZINE SAYS IT'S THE CURSE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK GETTING REVENGE!
DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ, BUDDY!


IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD I TELL YOU! THE SIGNS ARE ALL THERE!
SHUSH! WINDY WALLIS IS ON TV!
WHO?

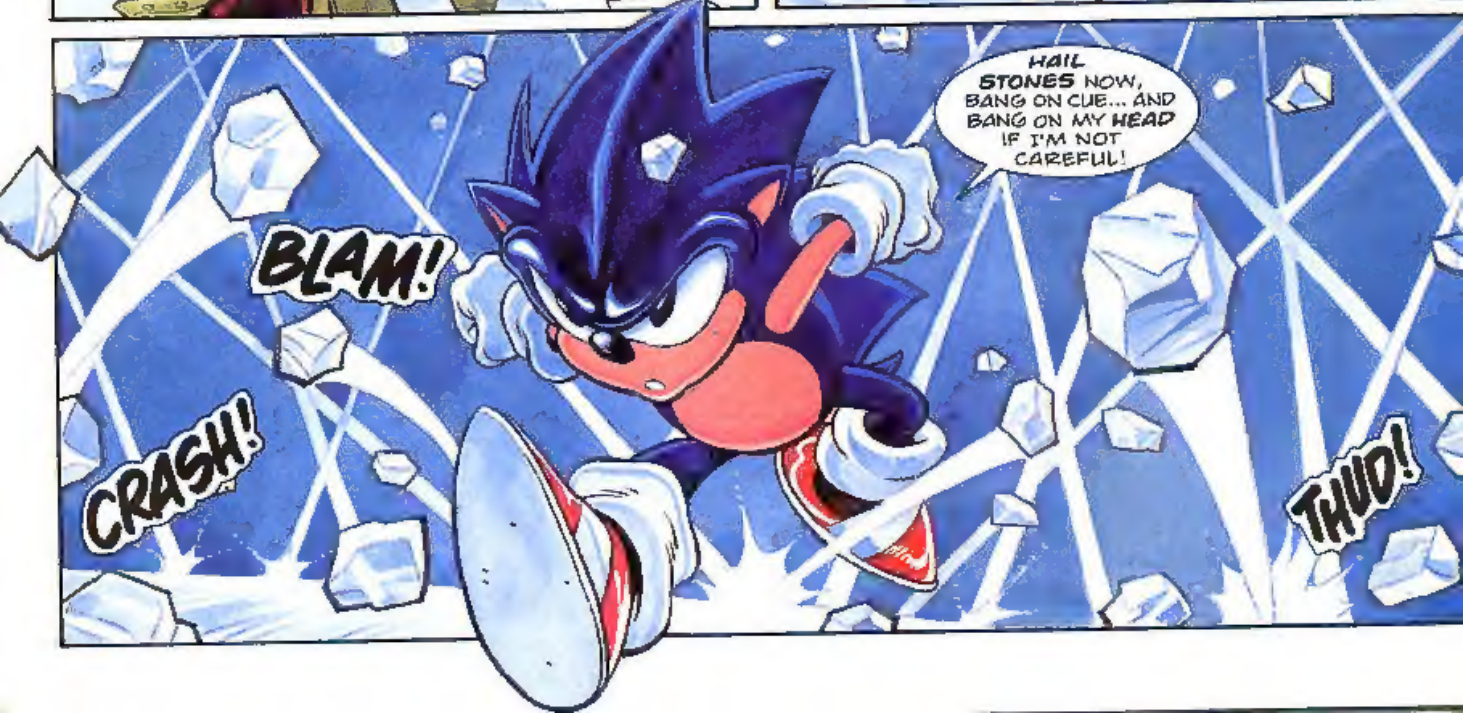

MY FAVOURITE WEATHER-GERBIL! SHE'S UP FOR AN AWARD FOR GIVING THE MOST ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTS!
FANCY!

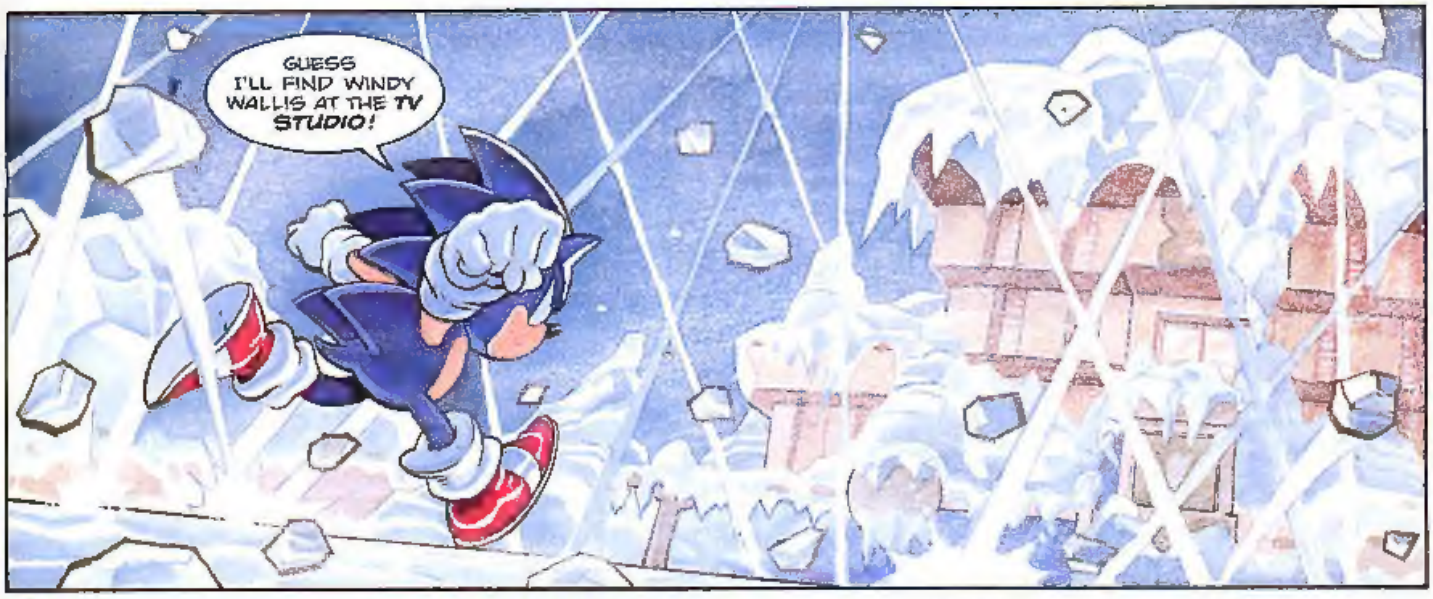

EXPECT FREEZING WEATHER CONDITIONS, FOLLOWED BY HAILSTORMS AND ANOTHER HEATWAVE! THEN TOMORROW...
WE'RE ALL DOOMED! DOOMED!

DOO-AAAIIE!
LURCH!
GEEK OVERBOARD! SAVE HIM, SONIC!
Sigh. IF I MUST!


HE'S ALREADY SAFE! THE WATER HAS FROZEN SOLID!
BRR! JUST LIKE WINDY PREDICTED! GOOD JOB I'M WEARING THERMALS!

A WEATHER FORECASTER WHO'S ALWAYS RIGHT, EH? TIME I CHECKED HER OUT!

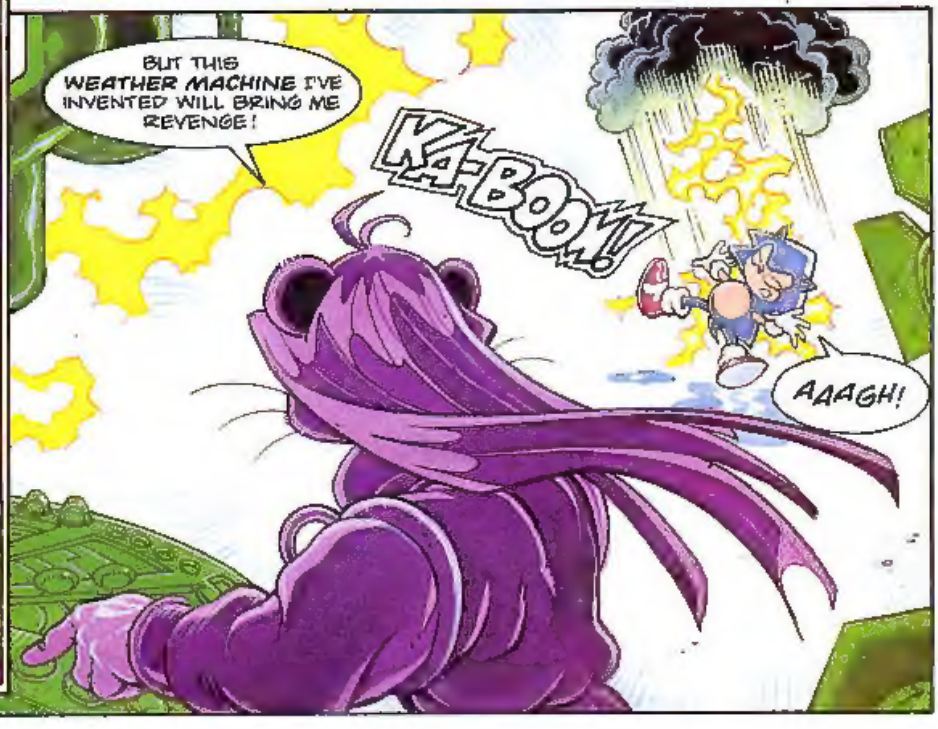

HAIL STONES NOW, BANG ON CUE... AND BANG ON MY HEAD IF I'M NOT CAREFUL!
BLAM!
CRASH!
THUD!

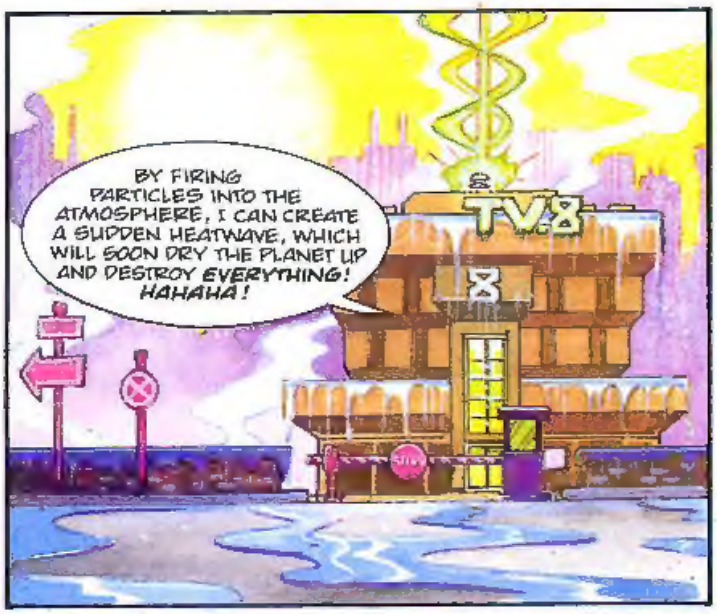

GUESS I'LL FIND WINDY WALLIS AT THE TV STUDIO!

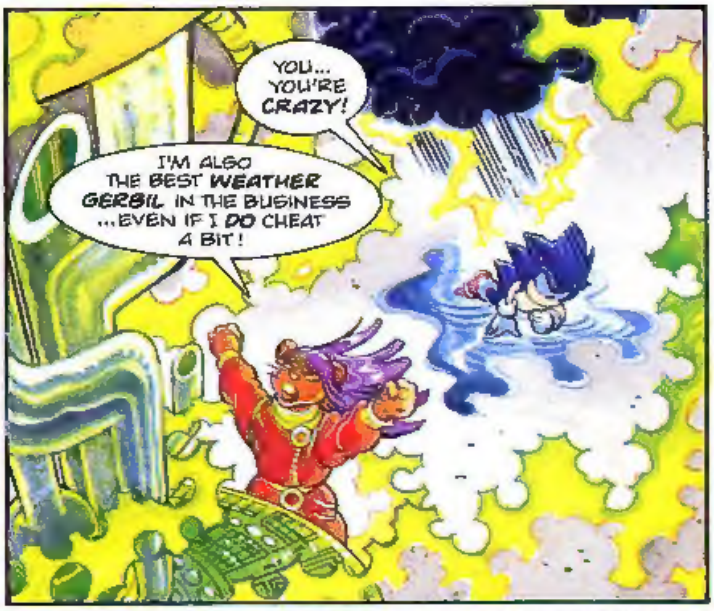
MIND IF I SHELTER HERE UNTIL THE WEATHER PICKS UP, MS WALLIS?
BASH!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

ADMIT IT! YOU'RE THE ONE BEHIND THE FREAK WEATHER!
SO, THE ACCURATE FORECASTS GAVE THE GAME AWAY, EH?

I HAD A PROMISING CAREER LINED UP AS WEAPONS ENGINEER FOR ROBOTNIK UNTIL YOU DEFEATED HIM! NOW MY BEST OPTION IS TO WORK AS A WEATHER FORECASTER!

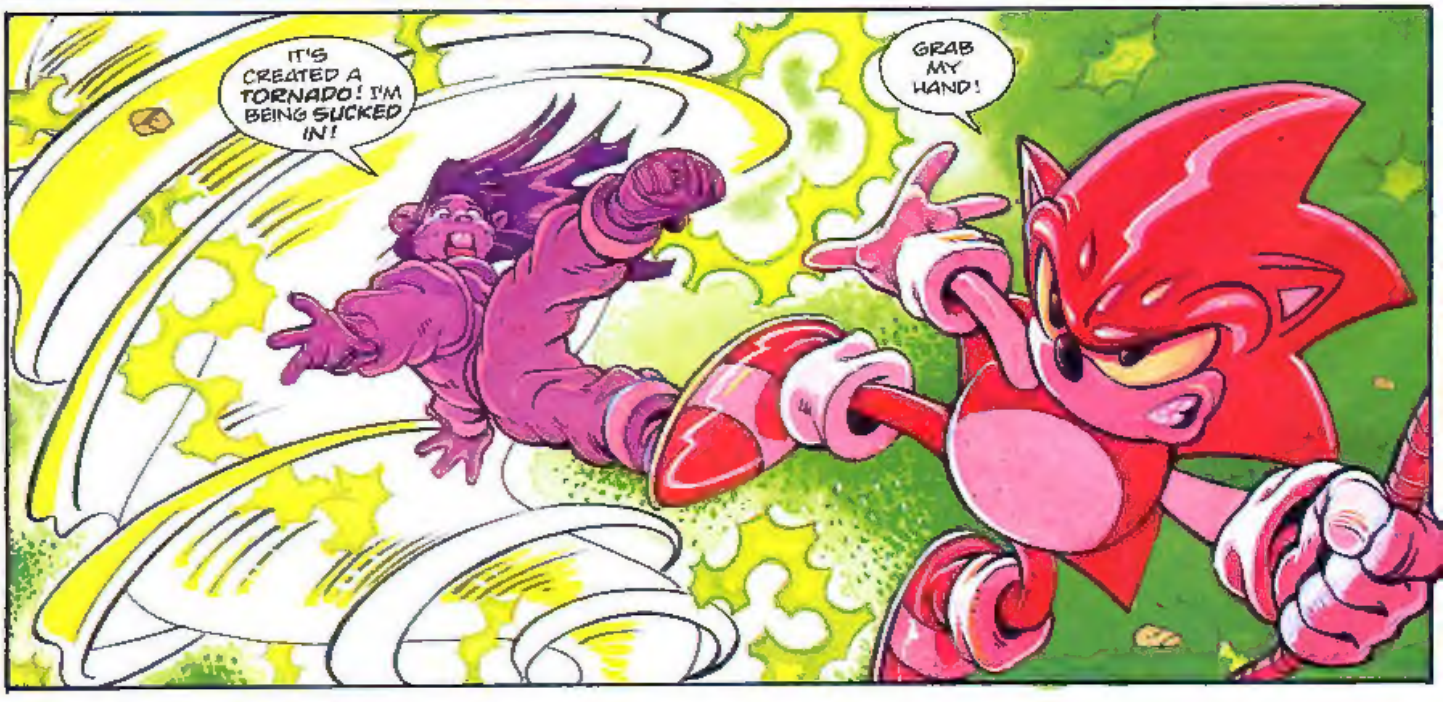

BUT THIS WEATHER MACHINE I'VE INVENTED WILL BRING ME REVENGE!
KA-BOOM!
AAAGH!


BY FIRING PARTICLES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, I CAN CREATE A SUDDEN HEATWAVE, WHICH WILL SOON DRY THE PLANET UP AND DESTROY EVERYTHING! HAHAHA!
TV8


YOU... YOU'RE CRAZY!
I'M ALSO THE BEST WEATHER GERBIL IN THE BUSINESS ...EVEN IF I DO CHEAT A BIT!

PITY YOU DIDN'T FORECAST THESE SCATTERED SHOWERS!
NO! MY PRECIOUS MACHINE MUSTN'T GET WET!
SPIN!!

PFFFT!
FZZZT!
EEK! IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!


IT'S CREATED A TORNADO! I'M BEING SUCKED IN!
GRAB MY HAND!

LATER, LIFE RETURNS TO NORMAL...

THANKS FOR SAVING US, SONIC! HOW DO YOU ALWAYS MANAGE TO KEEP SO COOL IN A CRISIS?

I TRY NOT TO LET THINGS GET ME DOWN, PAL...

...ALTHOUGH, EARLIER ON, I DID FEEL SLIGHTLY UNDER THE WEATHER!

NEXT ISSUE: D.I.Y. DANGER!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO

super sonic?

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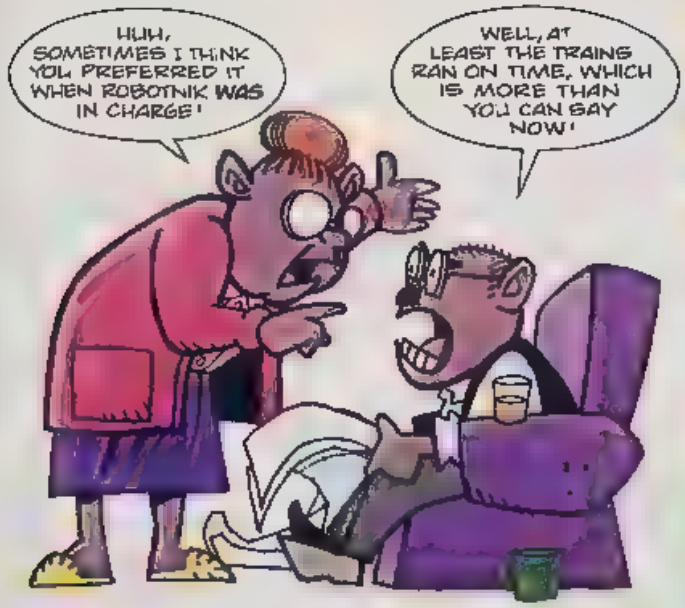
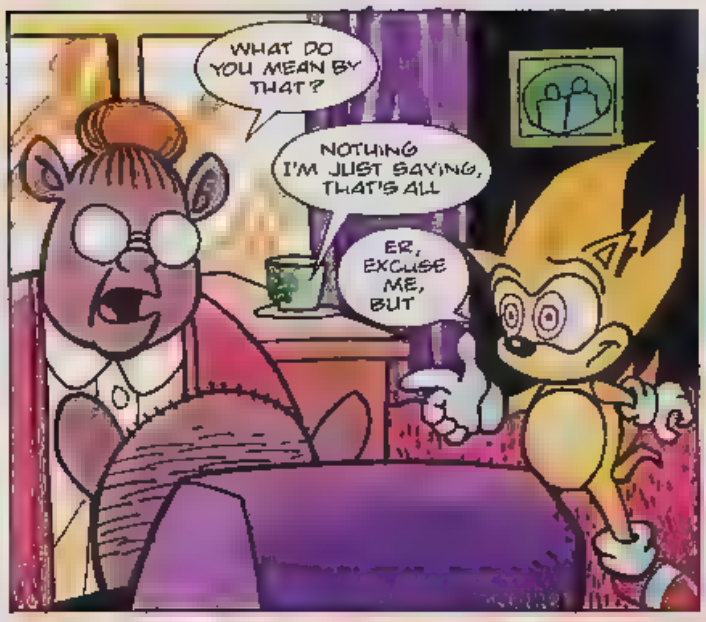
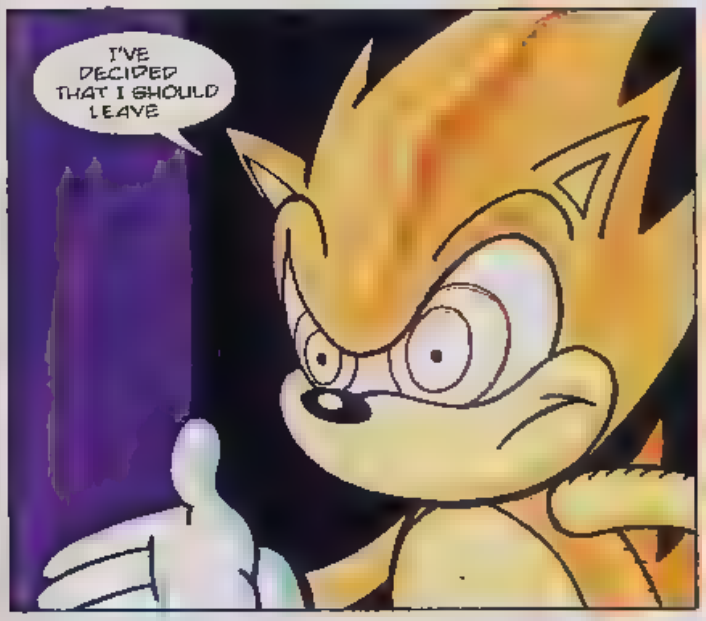
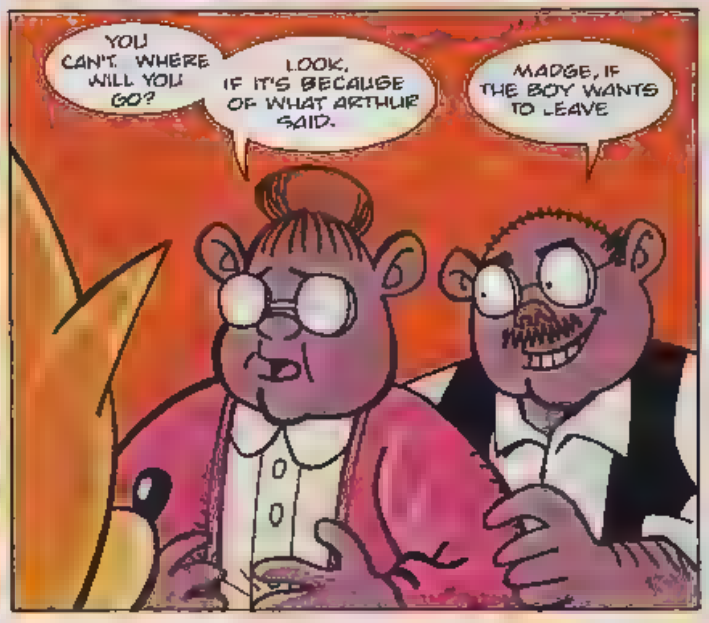
COMPLETE STORY

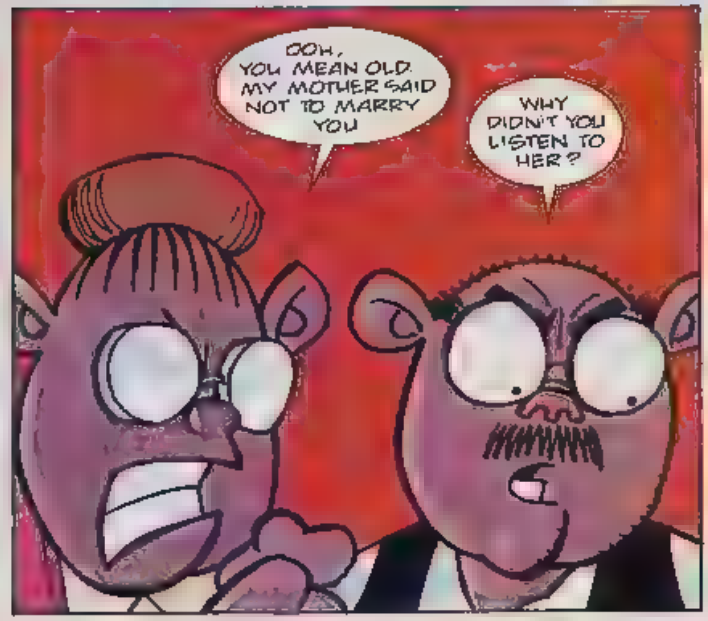
I HEARD YOU CRY OUT IS EVERYTHING ALL R GHT?
IT WAS CLEARER THAN EVER SOME TERRIBLE DEMON REACHING OUT TO .. DESTROY ME!
JH? OH. YES, I M FINE, MADGE I JUST HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN..
CAN YOU MAGINE WHAT IT MUST BE LIKE, ARTHUR? TO LOSE YOUR MEMORY AND TO HAVE TO ENDURE THOSE N GHTMARES.
I JUST WISH HE D GO AN ENDURE THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE
SUPER SONIC STILL NOT FOUND
ARTHUR!
I M JUST SAYING WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOOK AFTER HIM NOT ON MY PENS.ON
YOU'RE NOT THROWING THAT BOY OUT. . I WON'T STAND FOR THAT!
HE'LL MANAGE IT'S NOT AS IF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK STILL HAS HIS TROOPERS PATROLLING THE STREET, IS IT?

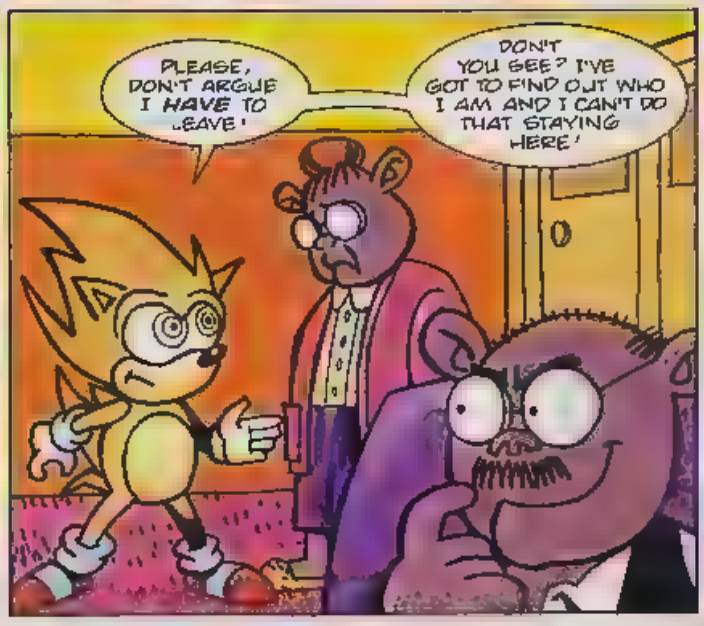

HUH, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU PREFERRED IT WHEN ROBOTNIK WAS IN CHARGE!
WELL, AT LEAST THE TRAINS RAN ON TIME, WHICH IS MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY NOW!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
NOTHING I'M JUST SAYING, THAT'S ALL
ER, EXCUSE ME, BUT

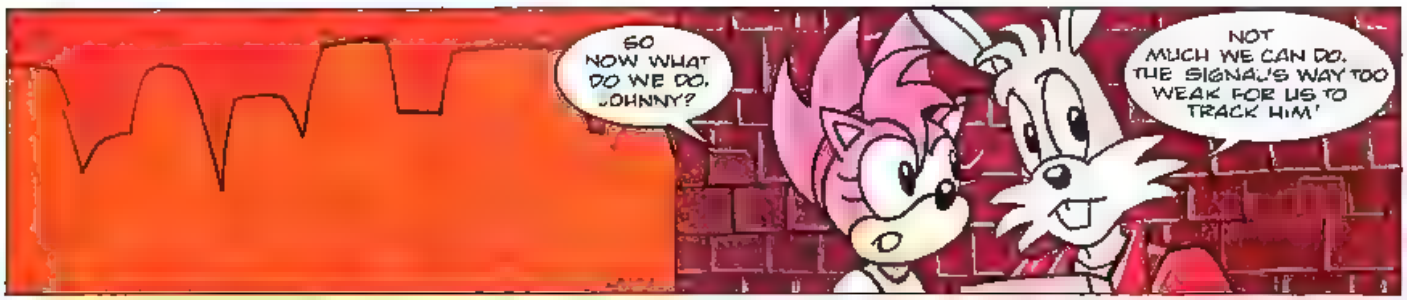

I'VE DECIDED THAT I SHOULD LEAVE

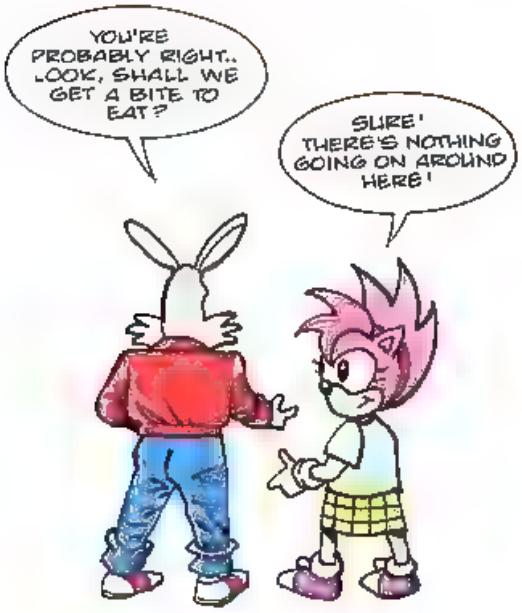

YOU CAN'T. WHERE WILL YOU GO?
LOOK, IF IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT ARTHUR SAID.
MADGE, IF THE BOY WANTS TO LEAVE

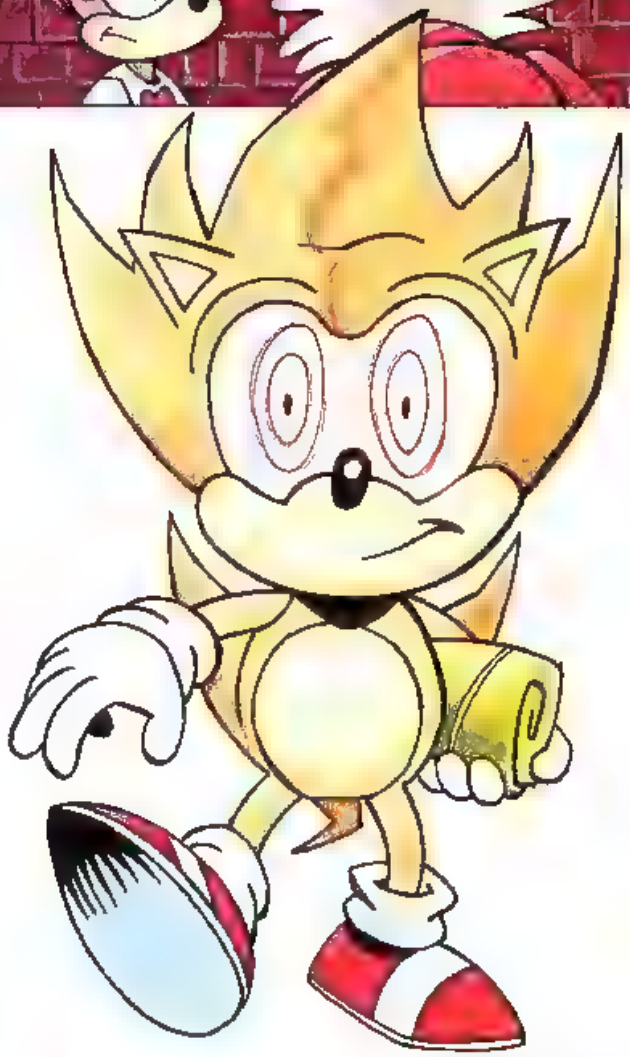

OOH, YOU MEAN OLD MY MOTHER SAID NOT TO MARRY YOU
WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO HER?


PLEASE, DON'T ARGUE I HAVE TO LEAVE!
DON'T YOU SEE? I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO I AM AND I CAN'T DO THAT STAYING HERE!

HERE, YOU'LL NEED SOME MONEY IF YOU'RE LEAVING US
THANK YOU YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND TO ME .. I WON'T FORGET IT!
MADGE, HAVE YOU SEEN MY BEER MONEY?
I GAVE IT TO A MORE DESERVING CAUSE
YOU DID WHAT?
IT'S VERY FAINT BUT I'M DEFINITELY PICKING UP TRACES OF SUPER SONIC'S ENERGY SIGNATURE!
SO WE CAN BE SURE THAT SUPER SONIC HAS BEEN HERE AT SOME POINT
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT AMY







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Decap Attack

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LIFE WITH THE SNAGSBYS

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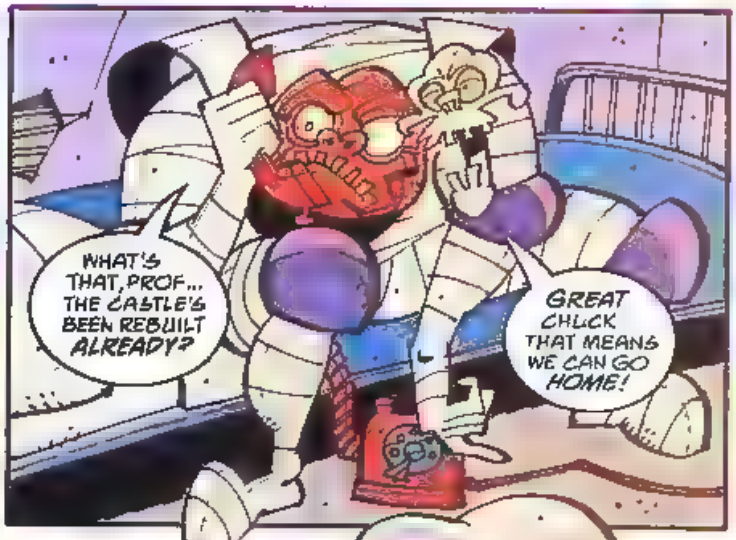
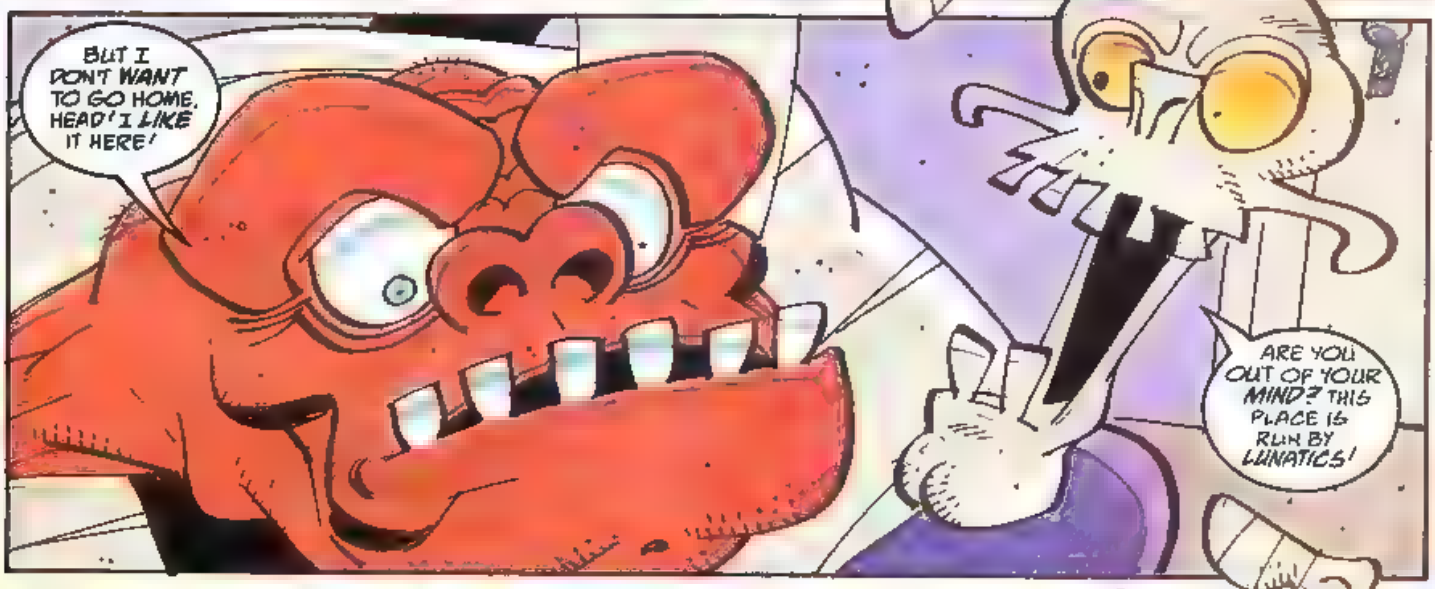
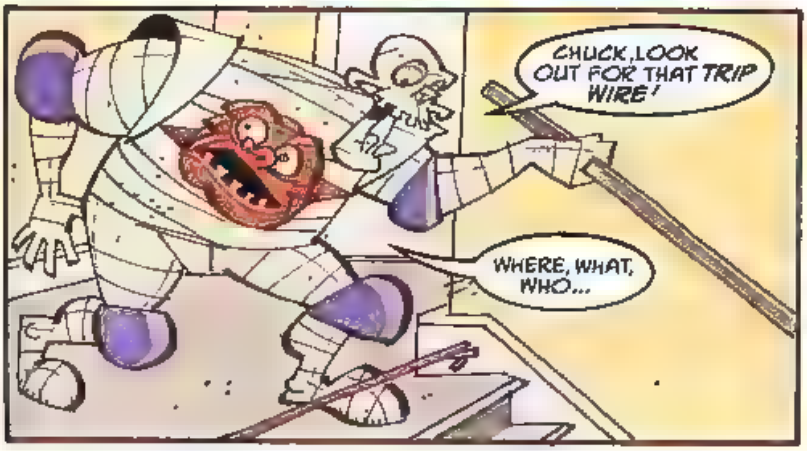
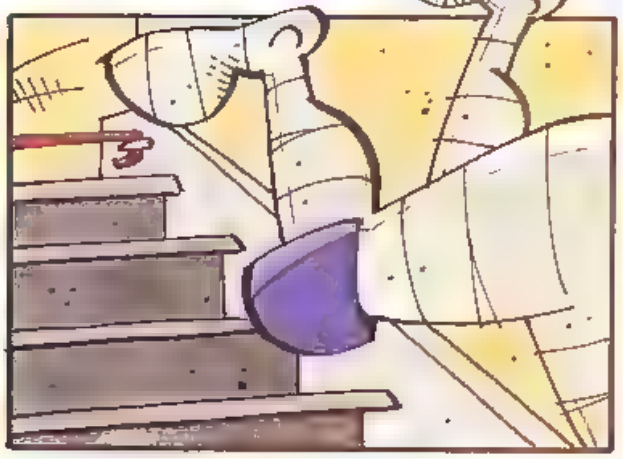
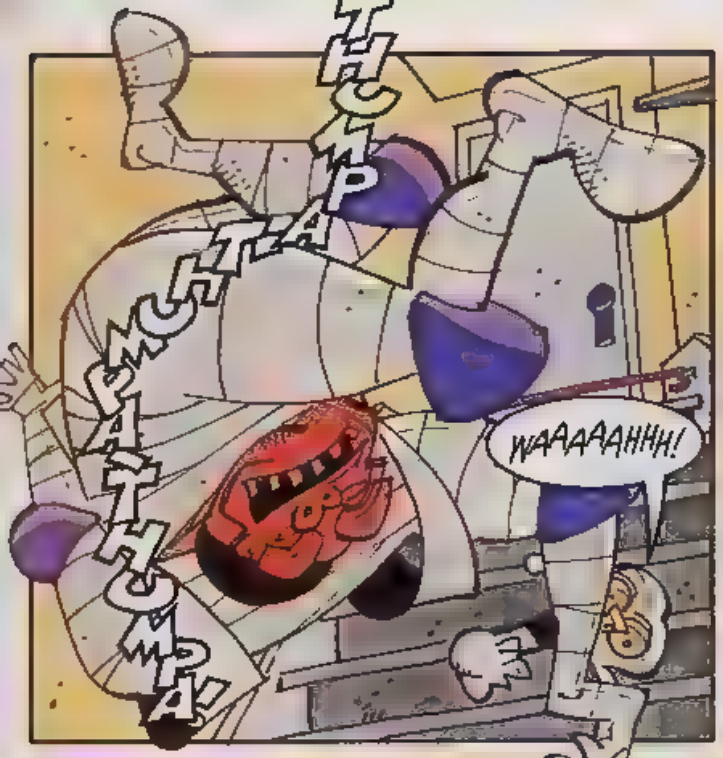


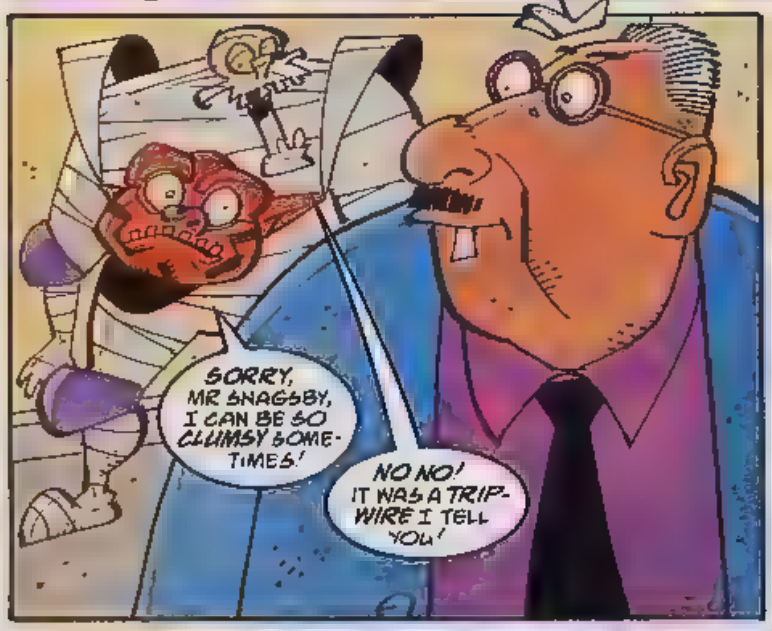


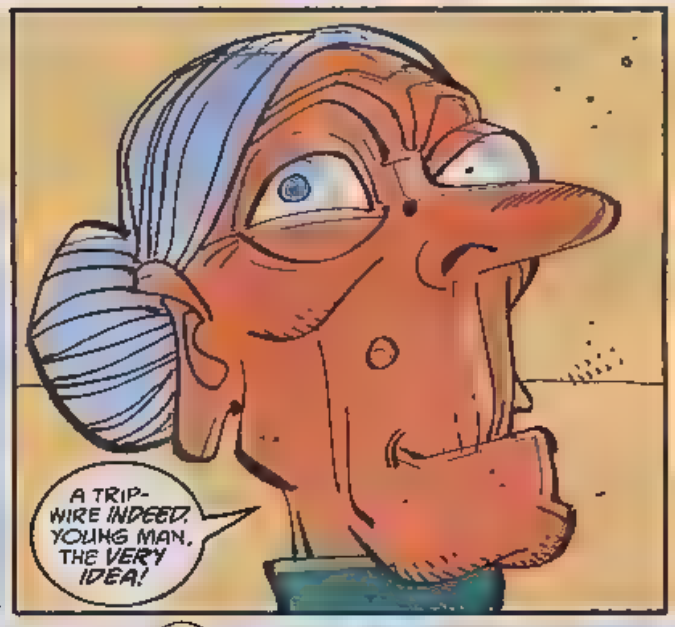


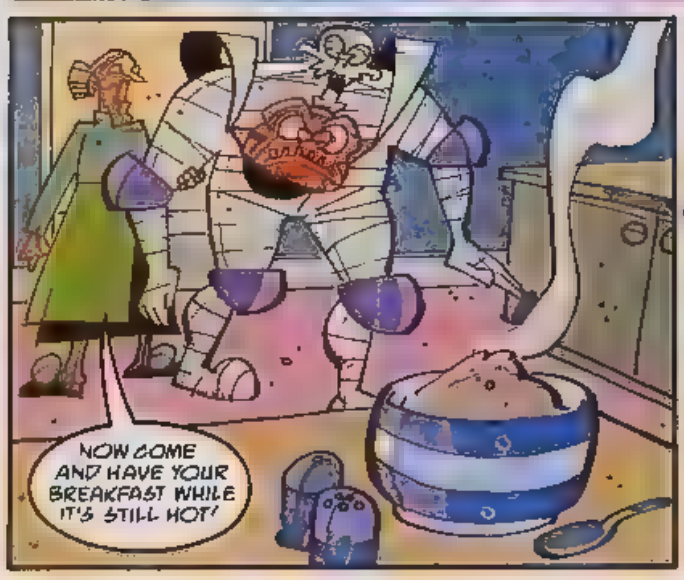



THUMP
SMASH
WAAAAAHHH!

OH, DO YOU THINK THEY'RE STILL ALIVE, FATHER?
'FRAID SO, MOTHER, I THINK I MAY HAVE CUSHIONED THEIR FALL!

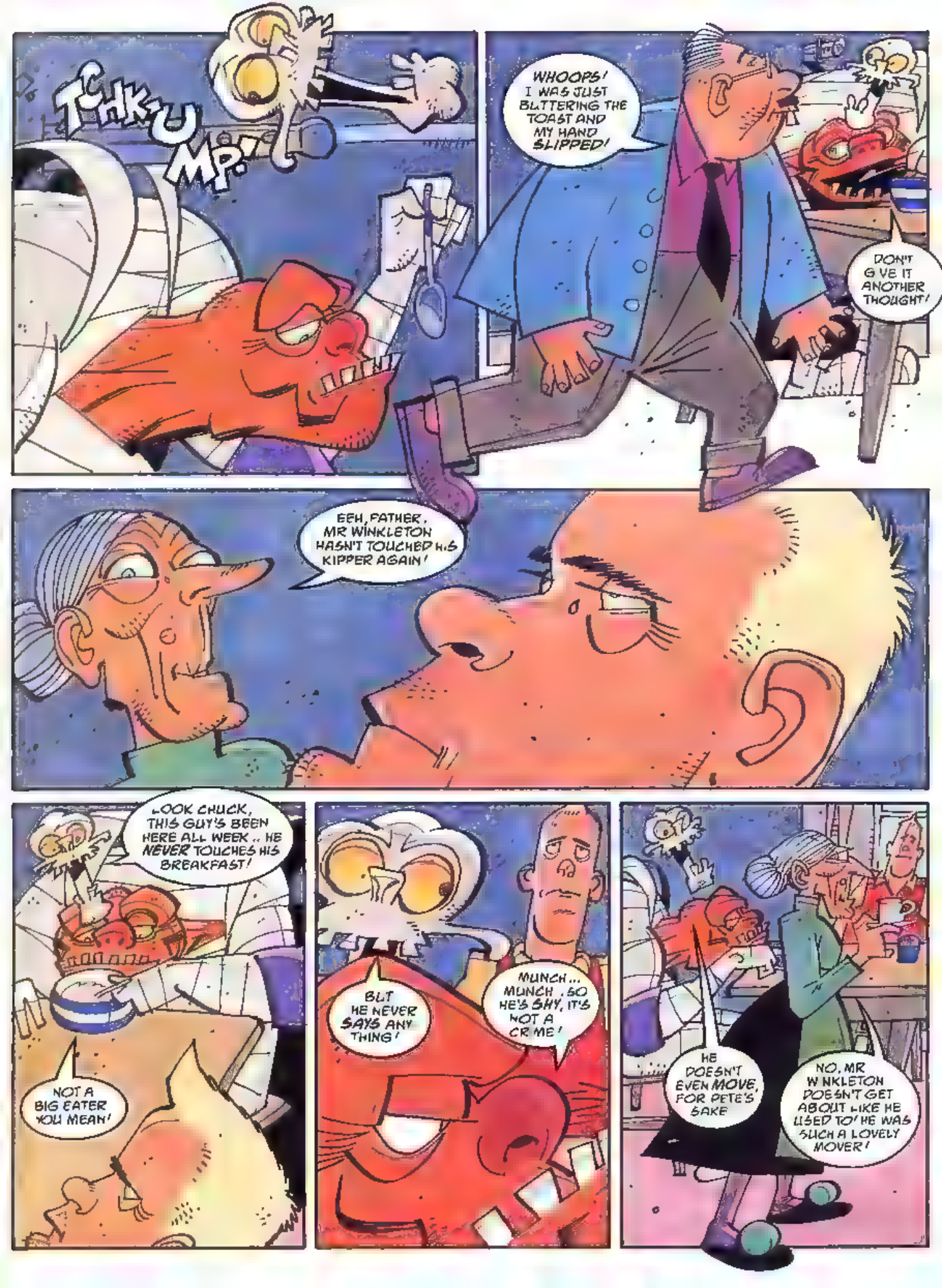

SORRY, MR SNAGSBY, I CAN BE SO CLUMSY SOME-TIMES!
NO NO! IT WAS A TRIP-WIRE I TELL YOU!

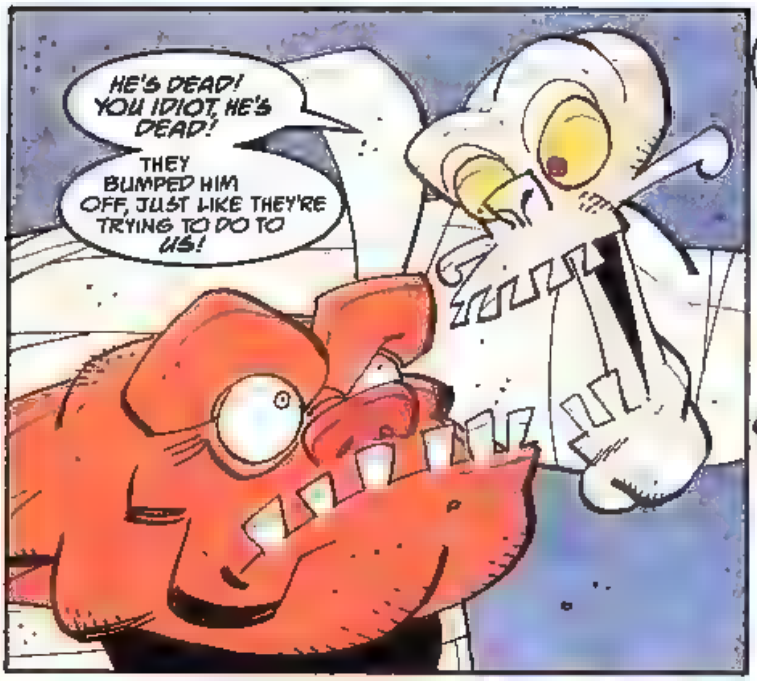

A TRIP-WIRE INDEED, YOUNG MAN, THE VERY IDEA!

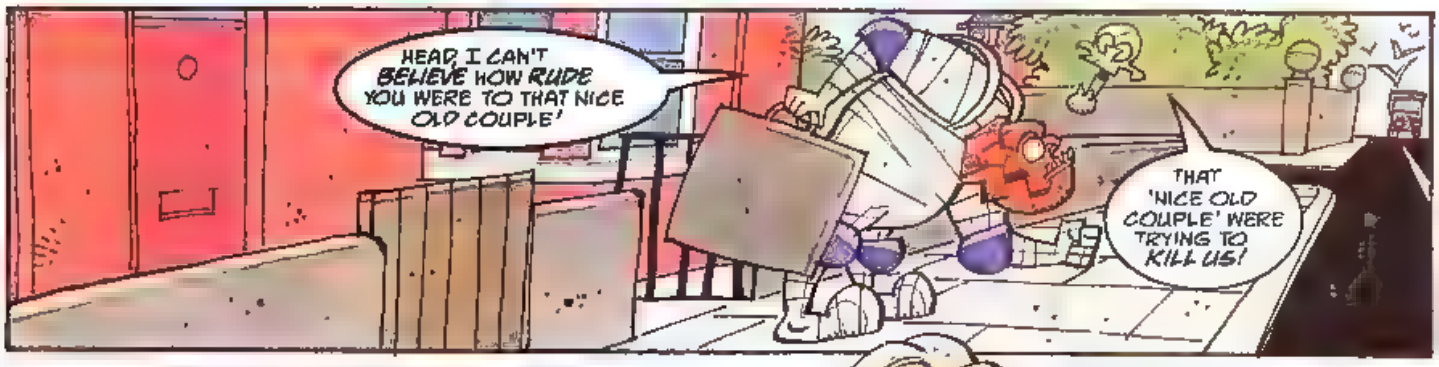

NOW COME AND HAVE YOUR BREAKFAST WHILE IT'S STILL HOT!

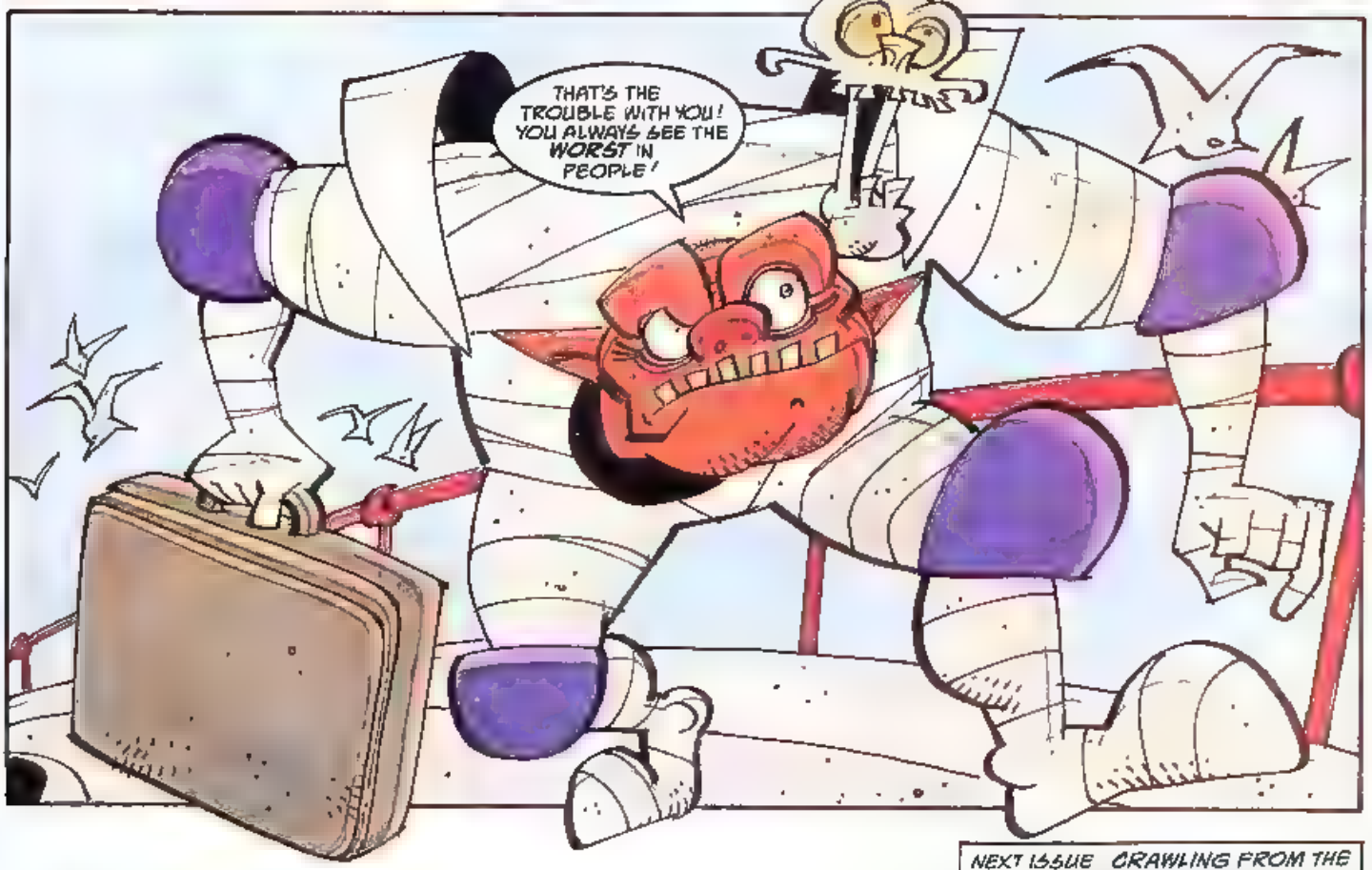
NOW DIG IN, LAD, THAT'S MOTHER'S SPECIAL RECIPE, THAT IS!

SPECIAL RECIPE? WHAT'S SPECIAL AB ..
YAAAAAA!
OOH, THAT'S TIPSY THE GOLDFISH! HOW DID THE LITTLE RASCAL GET IN THERE?
GOLDFISH? THAT'S A FLIPPING PIRANHA! JUST LOOK AT THE TEETH ON IT!
TSK, TSK
WHAT AN IMAGINATION YOU HAVE!
SHLIK


TCHK-U MP!
WHOOPS! I WAS JUST BUTTERING THE TOAST AND MY HAND SLIPPED!
DON'T GIVE IT ANOTHER THOUGHT!
EEH, FATHER, MR WINKLETON HASN'T TOUCHED HIS KIPPER AGAIN!
LOOK CHUCK, THIS GUY'S BEEN HERE ALL WEEK .. HE NEVER TOUCHES HIS BREAKFAST!
NOT A BIG EATER YOU MEAN!
BUT HE NEVER SAYS ANY THING!
MUNCH... MUNCH . SO HE'S SHY, IT'S NOT A CRIME!
HE DOESN'T EVEN MOVE, FOR PETE'S SAKE
NO, MR WINKLETON DOESN'T GET ABOUT LIKE HE USED TO! HE WAS SUCH A LOVELY MOVER!







NEXT ISSUE CRAWLING FROM THE WRECKAGE IN SONIC'S WORLD!

JURASSIC ZONE

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Sarah Harrild,
Bexleyheath, Kent.
GG & MD owner.
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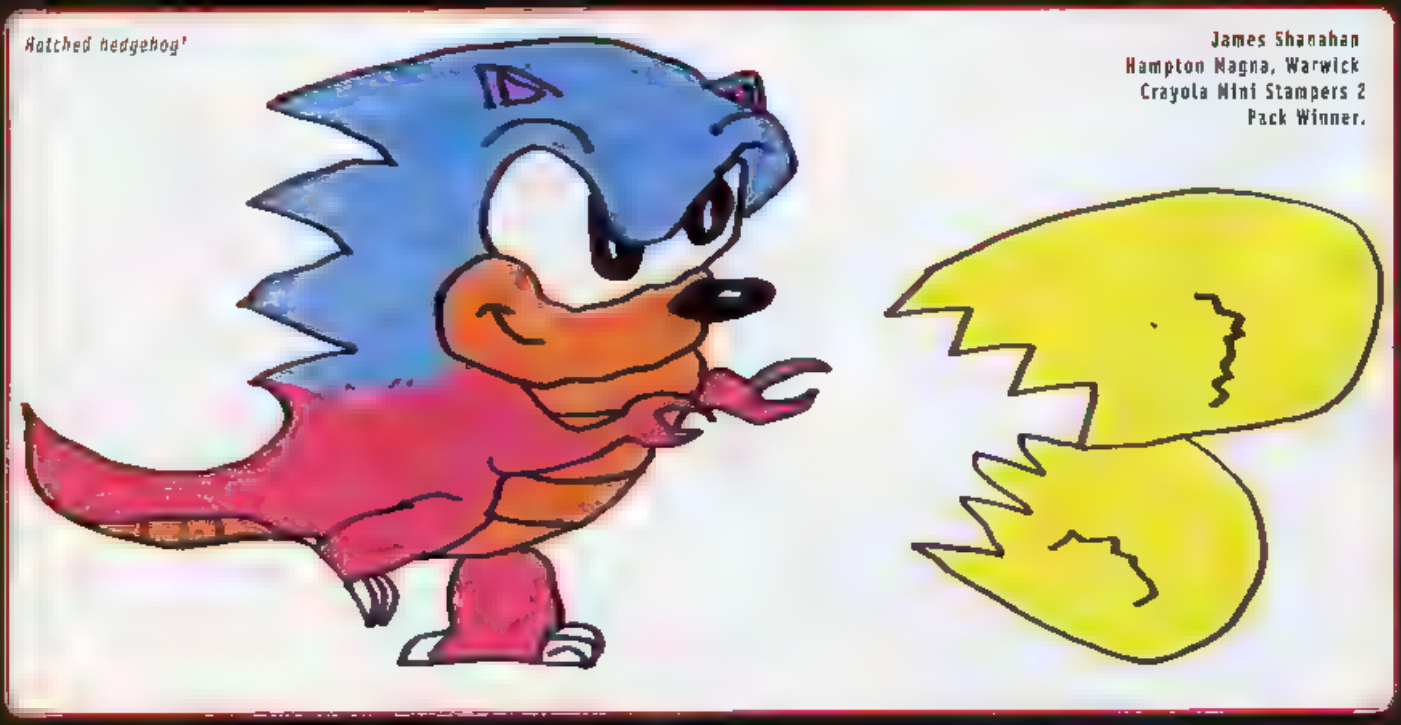
Winner.

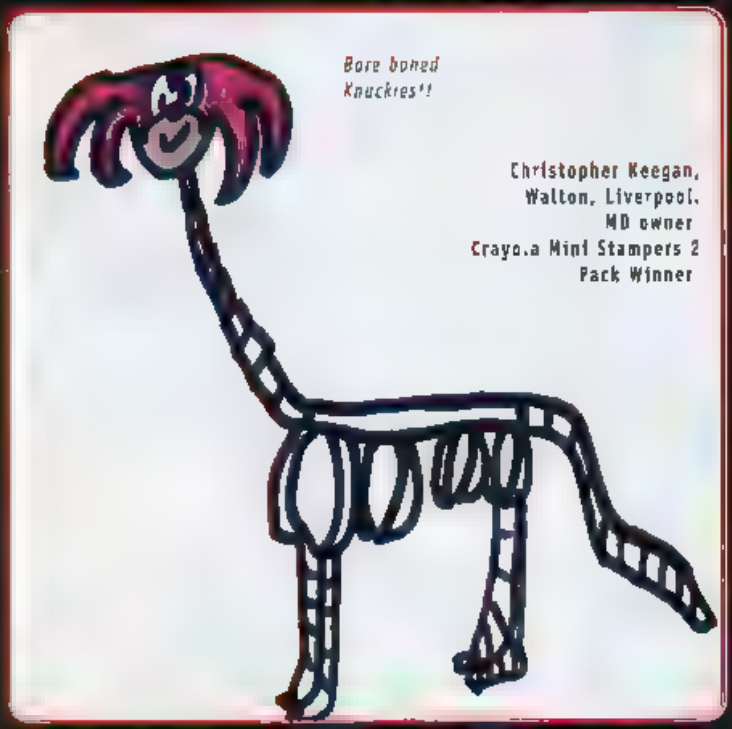
Please send in
name and address
Crayola Mini
Stampers 2 Pack
Winner



James Shanahan
Hampton Magna, Warwick
Crayola Mini Stampers 2
Pack Winner.

Tails prepares for a yabba dabba do time!

Rory Philbin,
Swanwick,
Derbyshire.
Crayola Mini
Stampers 2 Pack
Winner.



Bare boned Knuckles!!

Christopher Keegan,
Walton, Liverpool.
MD owner
Crayola Mini Stampers 2
Pack Winner

Lo nclothersaurus!

Martin Richmond,
Armthorpe,
S Yorkshire
MD owner
Crayola Mini
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Winner

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SONIC'S WORLD

INVASION OF THE VEG HEADS

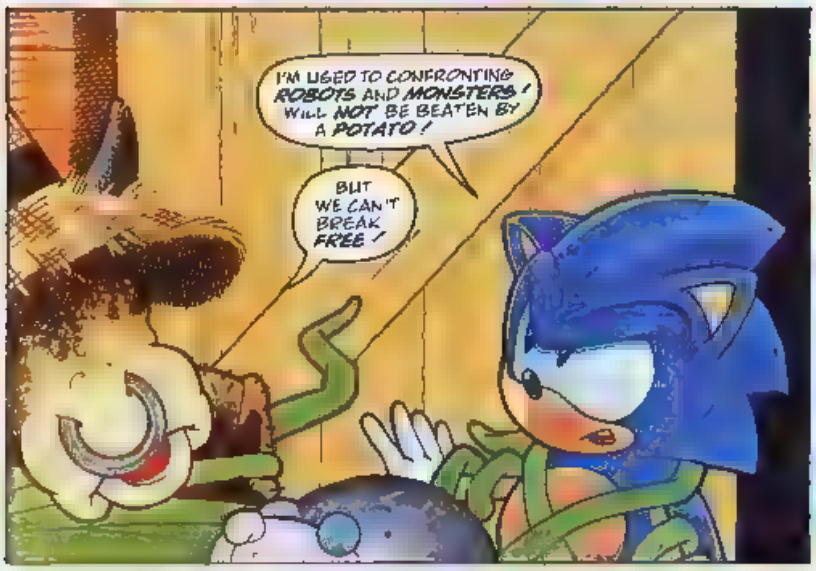
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

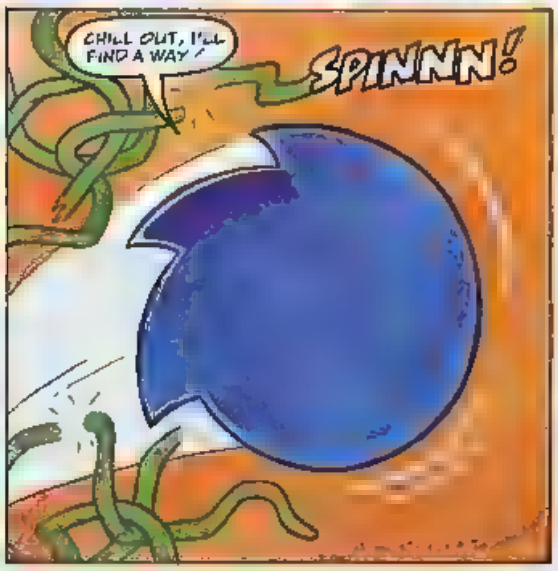
SONIC, HARRY MOLE AND FARMER NIGE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY KING EDWARD AND HIS MUTANT VEGETABLES!

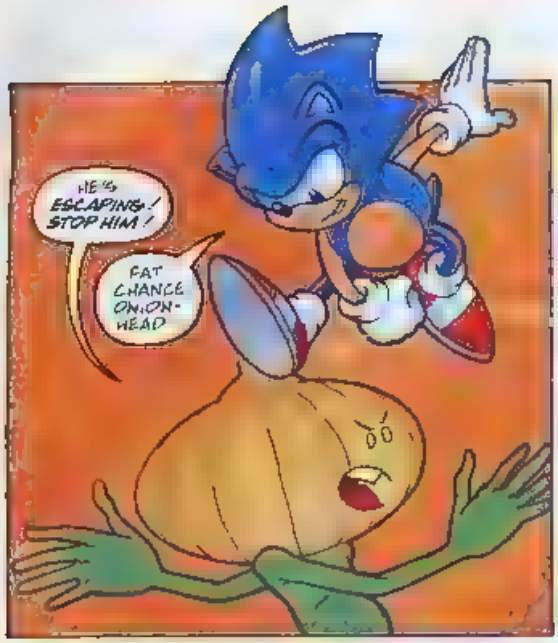
SURRENDER! THIS ZONE NOW BELONGS TO THE VEG-HEADS!

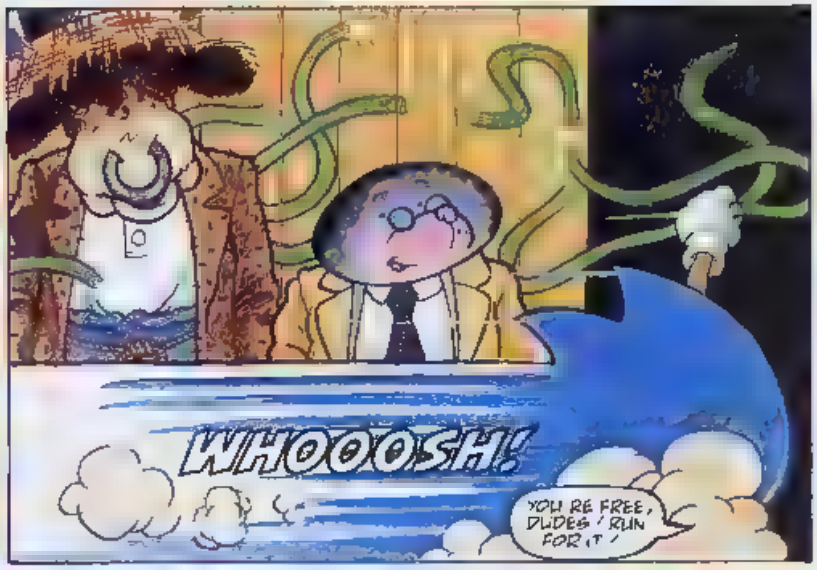
THIS IS DEFINITELY A CASE FOR MY O.O.E.R. FILES! *

* HARRY IS A SPECIAL AGENT FOR OUTER ORDINARY EVENT RESEARCH - Megadroid

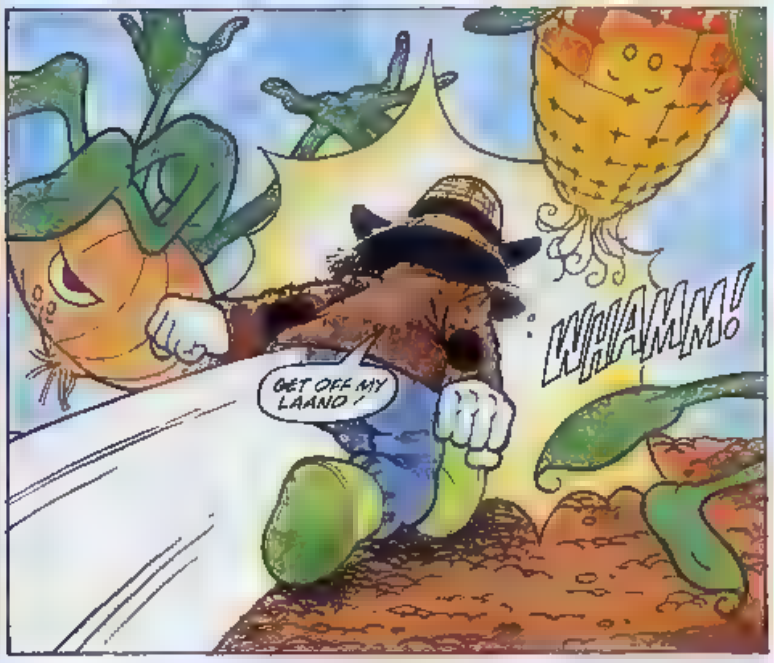


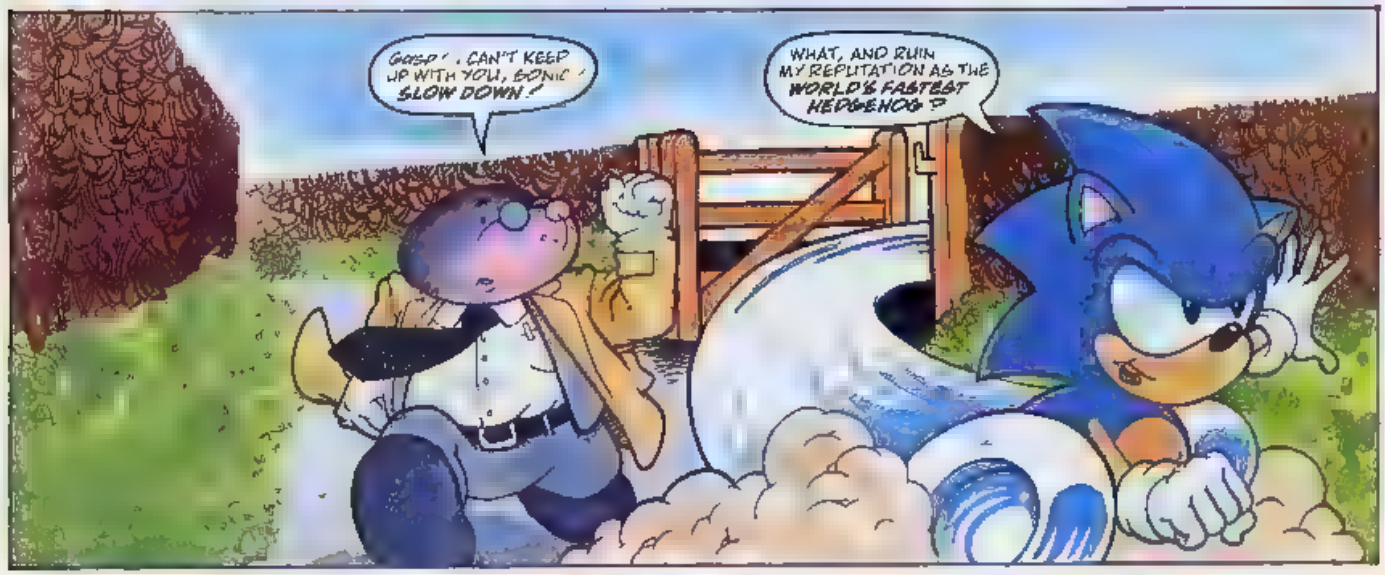


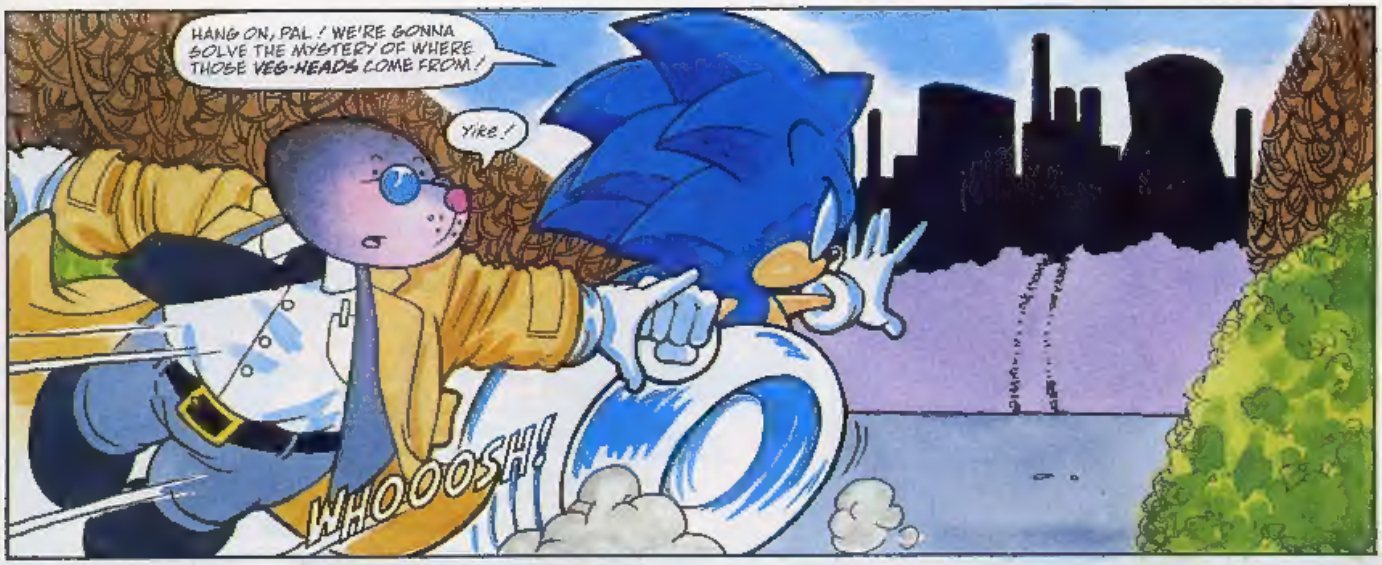

HE'S ESCAPING! STOP HIM!
FAT CHANCE ONION-HEAD


WHOOOSH!
YOU'RE FREE, DUDES! RUN FOR IT!

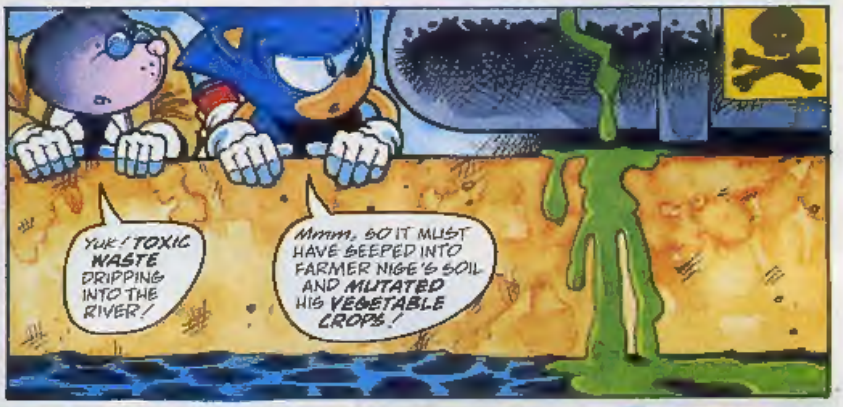
I'VE BEEN HUMILIATED BY ME OWN VEGETABLES AN' THAT MAKES ME ONE ANGRY FARMER! GROWL!
LIN-ON MAD BULL!

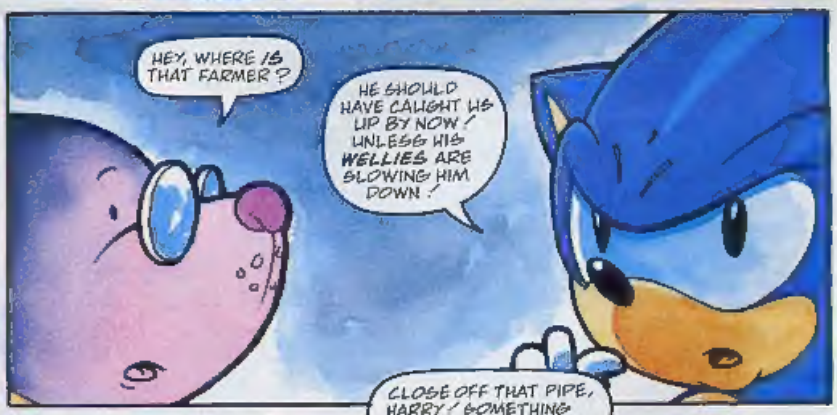

WHAMM!
GET OFF MY LAAND!

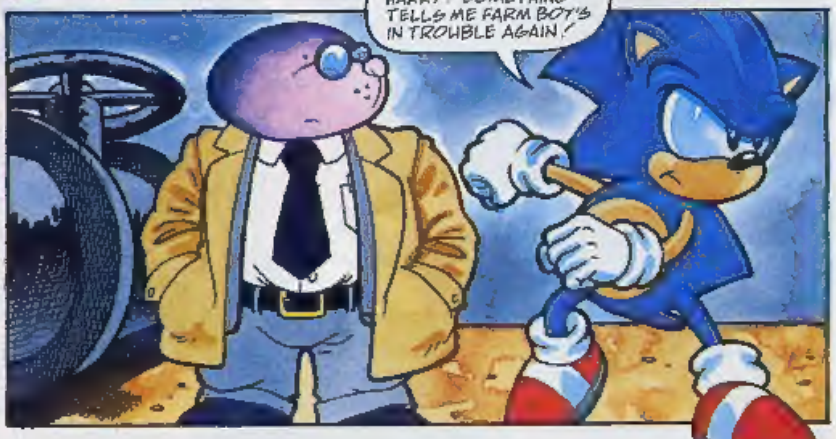

GOSP! I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU, SONIC! SLOW DOWN!
WHAT, AND RUIN MY REPUTATION AS THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG?

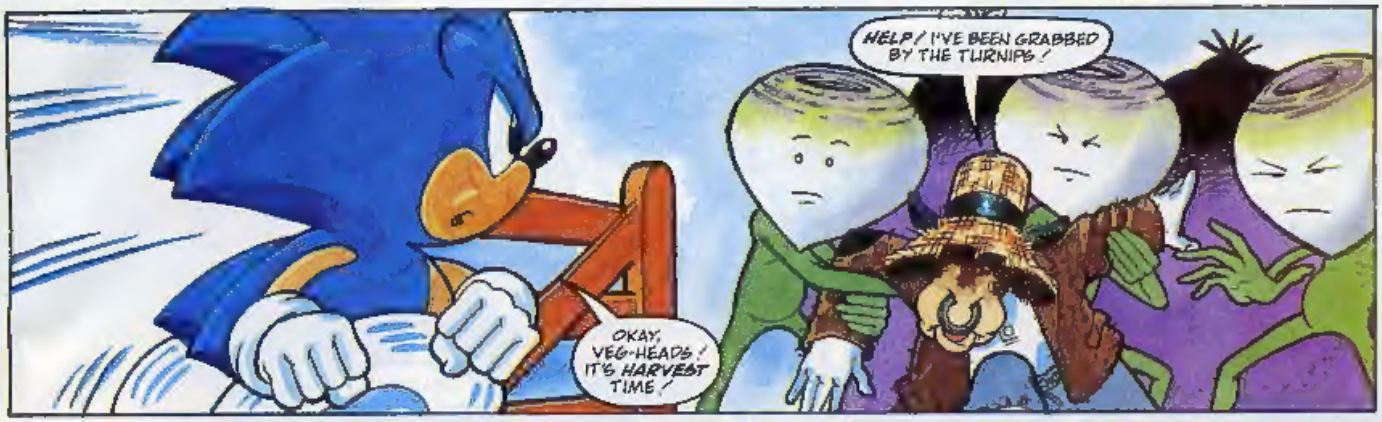

HANG ON, PAL! WE'RE GONNA SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHERE THOSE VEG-HEADS COME FROM!
YIKE!
WHOOOSH!

A SECOND LATER, AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...
BUT THIS PLACE WAS SHUT DOWN AFTER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK GOT DEFEATED!
YEAH, BUT THEY DIDN'T CLEAN IT UP! LOOK!

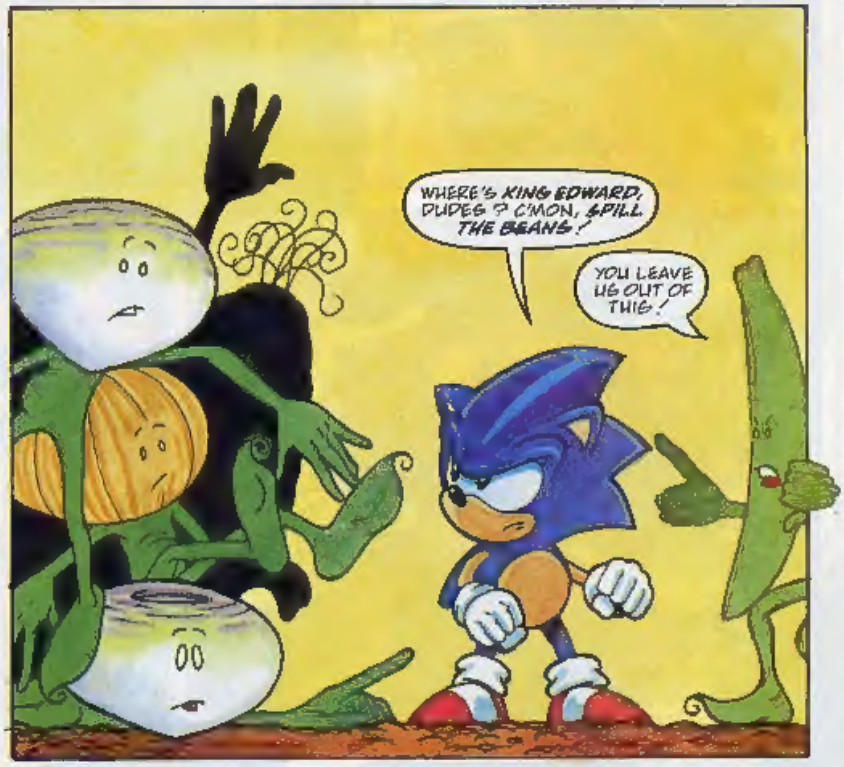

YUK! TOXIC WASTE DRIPPING INTO THE RIVER!
Mmm, SO IT MUST HAVE SEEPED INTO FARMER NIGE'S SOIL AND MUTATED HIS VEGETABLE CROPS!


HEY, WHERE IS THAT FARMER?
HE SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT US UP BY NOW! UNLESS HIS WELLIES ARE SLOWING HIM DOWN!


CLOSE OFF THAT PIPE, HARRY! SOMETHING TELLS ME FARM BOY'S IN TROUBLE AGAIN!


HELP! I'VE BEEN GRABBED BY THE TURNIPS!
OKAY, VEG-HEADS! IT'S HARVEST TIME!

ANYONE FOR MIXED SALAD?
AAIIEE!
ERRRK!
WHZZZZZ


WHERE'S KING EDWARD, DUDES? C'MON, SPILL THE BEANS!
YOU LEAVE US OUT OF THIS!

LOOKS LIKE THE LOCAL VILLAGERS HAVE COLLARED HIM!
WE'LL TEACH YOU FREAKS TO INVADE US!
BOIL 'EM!
ROAST 'EM ALIVE!

HOLD IT! THESE VEGETABLES ARE INTELLIGENT! COOKING THEM WOULD BE WRONG!
UH, SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH 'EM?
WE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM! WE FOLLOWED KING EDWARD'S ORDERS, BUT HE'S GOT A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER ABOUT EVERYTHING!
TRAITORS!
WE'LL BEHAVE FROM NOW ON, HONEST!
MUTANTS OR NOT, I KNOW MY ONIONS! THEIR WORD'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, GOT THAT?
UUP! FAIR ENOUGH!
I'LL GIVE YOU A SECTION OF LAND, AS LONG AS YOU LIVE IN PEACE! OKAY?
SEEMS FAIR!
WAHEY! OUR OWN PATCH!
ANOTHER CASE CLOSED FOR MY O.O.G.R. FILES!
YEAH! NOW TO GET BACK TO BASE AND VEG OUT!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE: MYSTERY BENEATH CITADEL ROBOTNIK!

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Daniel Tolley, Reddish, Stockport.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

THE LEADER!

Dear Megadroid,

You are always on about the women and men who help you put *STC* together (you call them "humes"), but us Boomers never actually see them. I am starting to think that the so called "humes" do not exist but that there are thousands of other droids, and you're their leader! Furthermore, I think you plan to take over the world by brainwashing us through your comic and getting us to join you, so why don't you admit that this is your plan!

Gareth Brown, Gypsyville, Hull.
A 15 year old MD owner.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

OK, Gareth, I admit it - I'm the leader of the gang I am! Actually, with an imagination like yours perhaps you could write a script or two!

BOOMER AID!

Dear *STC*,

My sister Amy (just a coincidence!) is just mad about Sonic and asked me to help her make up a Sonic album. We got to work and it turned out really well, which is why we decided to send it to you to calm your nerves while you're slaving around the office!

Jonathan Sidebottom (& Amy),
Bradford, W Yorks.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winners.

If only those slave driving humes allowed me to play music around here!

Paul Bradley, Willenhall, W Midlands.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

ART ATTACK!

Dear Megadroid,

I noticed in *STC* 97's Change of Art Zone artwork drawn by Kimberley Talbot which I admired a lot! I have to say that I couldn't have done it better myself, which is why I would like to ask her a question in private about her techniques. So if you're reading this Kimberley, could you send me your address! *STC* keep up the good work and I hope you never end!

Bhavesh Patel, Bow, London.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.
MD, MS, GG, 32X, MCD, Saturn owner.

You've got quite an interesting technique yourself, Bhavesh! Over to you Kimberley...